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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Dr. Maria KLACHKO and Eva RYDURCHYSKYI

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1. During my meeting with AEGASSOPARY/29 on 7 July he told me that Subjects planning to leave in September for another visit to the Soviet Union. They claimed to have received word from two sources (Dr. Volodymyr LEVYTSKY, Editor of Prohadsky Holos, and Platen STASIUK) that M. LEVYSHCHENKO is anxious for them to come to the Ukraine again. Visti z Ukrainy (published by the Association for Cultural Exchanges with Ukrainians Abroad) published excerpts from STASIUK's book (a book he wrote about his trip to the Soviet Union in which he tells how he obtained soil from the Shevchenko monument grounds in Kaniv for placing with the monument in Washington, D. C.) without previously obtaining his permission. Following publication of the excerpts, LEVYSHCHENKO wrote STASIUK thanking him for permitting the excerpts to be used. STASIUK reportedly is very upset over this incident. According to LEVYTSKY, LEVYSHCHENKO will send subjects an official invitation and arrange for VIP treatment, providing this would not be harmful to their positions. The invitation will be extended only after the Soviets are assured Subjects will not turn it down. LEVYTSKY said his contacts at the United Nations led him to believe interviews would be arranged for the Subject with Ukrainian scholars, writers and personalities in high government positions, including probably KHRUSHCHEV himself. Subjects asked A/29 to submit an outline of topics for discussion with the various personalities they may meet in the Soviet Union.

2. On 7 July KLACHKO telephoned A/29 again to say that there were some very important developments. She asked for a meeting with him and said it would be a good idea to have A/2 present. A/2 has avoided contacts with her in the past. A/29 made an appointment for himself to meet with her the following day at 10 a.m. Subject said she also had a letter from Metropolitan Glipvy in which he asks her to stop off in Rome en route to the Soviet Union to talk about her visit to the Ukraine. She expects he will instruct her on what to say and how to behave in order not to compromise any of her contacts in the Ukraine.

3. Regarding their request for an outline of what to say to the individuals with whom they expect to talk in the Ukraine, A/29 was told not to give them anything in writing and to keep in mind that we had been refused permission to use them operationally. A/2 and 29 feel that the Soviets want to use KLACHKO as an instrument against the Ukrainian emigration and that there will be no danger of the Soviets doing anything to compromise her while she is in the Soviet Union, at least not on

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this second visit. They feel certain she will be asked to do certain things and that she will agree. They feel there is no question of her loyalty to the United States or to the Ukrainian nationalist cause, but that she needs to be guided.

4. A/29 met with both KLACHKO and PIDEH-CUYSSIN in their home on 8 July as planned. The urgent matter they had to discuss was a letter from Damiara (Damiara ZHOLOROVYCH, Basilian nun living in Licheriztsi, r-n Novoyarvchiy) with a postscript from Markiana (Markiana KOVACHOVA, Lubowicz, Poland) which stated that Semen STEFANYL sent a warning that the Subjects not come. The letter stated that they were all suffering "severely" from the "cancer which is gnawing at the body." The Subjects interpreted cancer to mean Russification. The letter dated 6 June was received 6 July 1964. Subjects told A/29 that on 7 July they were visited by Dr. LEVYTSKY (from 3 to 7 p.m.). He came on behalf of Luka KIZYA to determine whether or not they would accept an official invitation to visit the USSR. He also wanted to know if they would agree to attend several receptions to be held by the Ukrainian Delegation to the United Nations. The Subjects said they would attend all but the reception planned for the anniversary of the October Revolution, and on the condition that other American scholars would be present. They also agreed to accept an invitation to visit the USSR. LEVYTSKY told Subjects that he was planning to visit the Soviet Union in August of this year and that perhaps they would meet there. He also told them that KIZYA was going home on 22 July and was not sure whether he would return to New York. LEVYTSKY expressed the opinion that DBOVYCHLENKO (Petr P, Kiev Law professor formerly at U. S.) was more reliable than KIZYA.

5. LEVYTSKY told the Subjects that a group of Americans of Ukrainian birth (members of the League of American Ukrainians) who had visited the Ukraine returned to New York during the week of 1 July. While in the Ukraine they caused much trouble for Soviet authorities because they ignored all instructions, took taxis to various villages, quarrelled with the militia and spread anti-Soviet propaganda. LEVYTSKY also told them that Maksym RYLSKY is very ill with cancer.

6. According to Subjects, Platon STASIUK is planning to make another trip to the Ukraine, this time to return the soil which he brought from the Kaniv Shevchenko monument grounds because the Shevchenko Committee in the United States refused to accept it officially. AND YOH TRINE YOU HAVE PROBLEM?

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